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Pinchot Niece Shot to Death In Capital

Washington, Oct. 13—Mary Pinchot Meyer, niece of the late Gifford L. Pinchot, two-time governor of Pennsylvania, was shot to death here yesterday as she took a walk along the path of an old canal.

Mrs. Meyer, who would have been 44 tomorrow, was shot once in the left temple and once in the back. Robbery apparently was the motive in her slaying, police said.

An hour after the slaying, police arrested Raymond Crump, Jr., 25, a laborer. Crump denied the shooting.

In Georgetown

Police said Mrs. Meyer often strolled along the towpath of the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal in the Georgetown section of this city.

She was alone yesterday afternoon when she was attacked. Her screams attracted Henry Wiggins, 24, a gasoline service station employe who was driving by in a truck.

As Wiggins got out of the truck, he said he heard two shots and ran to a retaining wall above the canal. Wiggins said he saw a man on the other side of the canal, leaning over a woman. The man stuffed something into his pocket, looked up at Wiggins and fled toward the Potomac River.

Says He Was Fishing

Wiggins gave police a description of the man and within an hour police found Crump

in the woods along the river side of the canal. "I was down there fishing and lost my rod," Crump told U. S. Commissioner Sam Wertleb at his arraignment. "I don't know what happened. I almost got shot myself."

Wertleb ordered him held without bail.

Police said Crump recently had been released from a 60-day prison term for petty larceny. They said he was working as a paving contractor at a local hospital but was not at work yesterday.

Identity Delayed

It was several hours before police identified the victim.

All they had to go on was the name "Meyer" written faintly on one of her gloves. She wore pedal pushers, tennis shoes and a light blue sweater. No purse or wallet was found.

Detectives called all persons named Meyer in the telephone book. They learned that Mrs. Meyer was the sister-in-law of Benjamin Bradlee, Washington bureau chief of Newsweek Magazine.

Bradlee made the identification of Mrs. Meyer's body.

Vassar Graduate

Mrs. Meyer was a native of New York City and was graduated from Vassar College. She was divorced a few years ago.

from Cord Meyer, Jr., a writer employed by the Central Intelligence Agency. He was one of the founders of the United World Federalists, Inc., and a member of the U. S. delegation to the United Nations Conference in San Francisco in 1945.

Mrs. Meyer lived alone in a house she acquired about eight years ago. She has two sons, Quentin, 18, and Mark, 14. Her abstract paintings have been exhibited in several galleries here, and a collection of her paintings is on tour of Latin America, under the auspices of the Pan American Union.

Marine Captain

Her husband was a Marine captain who lost an eye fighting in the Pacific. His twin brother, Quentin, was killed on Okinawa.

Meyer and Mary Pinchot were married in 1945.

Mrs. Meyer's uncle was governor of Pennsylvania from 1923 to 1927 and from 1931 to 1935. He died in 1946.

Her father, Amos Pinchot, was a leader in the Bull Moose Party of Theodore Roosevelt.

He twice helped his brother buck the regular Republican Party in gubernatorial fights.

Mary Pinchot Meyer
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